

## Message Text

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INFO USMISSION GENEVA  
AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR  
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AMEMBASSY LISBON  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 6380

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SREF  
SUBJECT: MACAU TRANSIT CENTER FOR INDOCHINESE BOAT REFUGEES

REF: GENEVA 7512 AND KUALA LUMPUR 4355

1. WE WERE PLEASED TO LEARN FROM REFTELS THAT SAMPATKUMAR PLANS  
TO COME TO HONG KONG NEXT WEEK TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE ACCOMMODATION  
PROBLEM.

2. HONG KONG GOVT HAS NO CONTINGENCY ACCOMMODATION PLANS FOR BOAT  
CASE REFUGEES. NOT ONLY IS THERE INSUFFICIENT HOUSING FOR  
LOCAL RESIDENTS, BUT DURING LAST FEW MONEHTS THERE HAS BEEN  
SHARP INCREASE (148 DAILY IN APRIL) OF EMIGRANTS FROM CHINA.  
HONG KONG GOVT DOES NOT WISH TO BE VIEWED BY LOCAL POPULATION  
AS DOING MORE FOR INDOCHINA REFUGEES THAN IT IS FOR ITS CHINESE  
POPULATION. WE GATHER FROM IMIGRATION DEPT THAT THE GOVT  
HOPES SOMEHOW THAT BOAT CASE ACCOMMODATION PROBLEM  
CAN BE RESOLVED QUIETLY AND WITHOUTANY DIRECT HONG  
KONG GOVT ACTION.

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3. BOAT CASE ARRIVALS HERE SO FAR IN MAY TOTALED 166  
(INCLUDING 24 ARRIVALS TODAY). THERE ARE BETWEEN  
40 AND 50 (DEPENDING ON NUMBER OF CHILDREN) SPACES LEFT  
FOR FUTURE ARRIVALS. GIVEN RELATIVELY HIGH NUMBER  
ARRIVALS TO DATE THIS MONTH AND BEARING IN MIND  
FIGURES FROM LAST YEAR (FOR EXAMPLE 209 IN JUNE AND

229 IN JULY), IT CAN BE PREDICTED THAT EXISTING  
ACCOMMODATION CAPACITY WILL BE FULL VERY SOON.  
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